

The first radio broadcasts from ships

1898 - 1950

1898-89	East Goodwin Lightship	First Marconi tests in the Thames estuary
1898	Flying Huntress	Marconi sending news flashes from the Kingstown Regatta near Dublin (Ireland)
1899	Royal Yacht Osbourne	Further Marconi tests at Cowes, Isle of Wight (UK)
1899	Defiant	Marconi tests off the English coast
1902	Hartholdi	First voice broadcast from a ship on the Potomac River in Washington, DC
1906	Missouri (BB 11)	First broadcast of music from a ship moored at Hampton Roads/Virginia (USA)
1907	Andromeda	Royal Navy Radio in Chatham (England)
1907-09	The Great White Fleet	Broadcasts to passing ships and to land based communities from 24 transmitters
1910	Bremen	1st liner fitted with wireless telephony
1912	Titanic	Several broadcasts of recorded music on its first and only voyage into the Atlantic
1916	Unknown vessel	A ship broadcast during the Irish Easter Uprising
1917	Cruiser Aurora	Lenin speech in St. Petersburg (Russia)
1919	George Washington	President Wilson making an Independence Day broadcast for the coastal areas of the US
1919	Riverina	Test broadcasts from the vessel in Australian waters
1919	Bombala	Test broadcasts from the vessel in Australian waters
1920	Victorian	Broadcasting brief concerts to passing ships
1920-35	Elettra	Several Marconi test broadcasts
1922	Unknown vessel	An experimental demonstration broadcast from the harbor at Copenhagen (Denmark)
1924	USS Leviathan	Broadcasting several concerts from the Atlantic as "WSN" ("America's first floating broadcaster")
1925	West Virginia	Several broadcasts directed to Australia
1926	Carinthia	Relaying a program to 5CL in Adelaide while steaming east towards Melbourne
1927	Akuna	Relaying a program to 3LO from the waters of Port Philip Bay, Melbourne
1927	Franconia	Broadcasting music from the ship's orchestra whilst cruising in the Pacific
1928	Berengaria	TV trials whilst sailing from Southampton to New York

1928	Ceto	Test transmissions by Daily Mail Radio off the Scottish and English coast Scotland
1930	Little WLW	Powel Crosley Jr's broadcast from the tarpon tournament in Sarasota/Florida
1930's	Monarch of Bermuda	Occasional broadcasting in the Atlantic off the islands of Bermuda
1931	Veronica	Relaying messages, voice reports and programs from Hawkes Bay (New Zealand) after an earthquake
1931	Unknown vessels	Relaying messages, voice reports and programs from Hawkes Bay (New Zealand) after an earthquake
1932	Nieuw Holland	Relaying a program to 2UW while leaving Sydney Harbour
1932	Empress of Britain II	Several broadcasts in the South Pacific
1932-38	Normandie	Music broadcasts during its voyages across the Atlantic
1933	Freedom	Relaying a scientific broadcast from the underwater vessel Bathysphere off Nonsuch Island (Bermudas)
1933	City of Panama	Broadcasting programming from a gambling ship off the coast of Los Angeles as RXXR
1933	Jacob Ruppert	Byrd Antarctic Expedition II ("Station KJTY") on its way from Panama Canal to New Zealand and Little America
1934	New Zealand Star	Live broadcast of launch in Belfast
1934-35	Seth Parker	Several broadcasts during a geographic expedition in the South Pacific
1935	Unknown vessel	Radio Morue accompanying French cod fishermen to i.e. Newfoundland
1936	Queen Mary	Broadcasts while plying the Atlantic
1936-39	Kanimbla	Broadcasting in the South Pacific as VK9MI ("Radio 9MI")
1936-39	Awatea	Broadcasting in the Tasman Sea as ZMBJ
1937	Mariposa	The Italian tenor Tito Schipa wirh a live broadcast to New Zealand
1938	Faithful Friend	Sender der Deutschen Freiheitspartei with anti-Nazi broadcasts off the French, Belgian and Dutch coast
1938	Rex	Broadcasting programming from a gambling ship off the coast of Los Angeles
1939	Dominion Monarch	Broadcast while on its maiden voyage from New Zealand to London in 1939
1940	Director II	Broadcasting from the South Pacific to the US during the second Fahnestock expedition
1940	Hansestadt Danzig	Pretending to be Radio Copenhagen (Denmark) from the local harbour
Early 1940's	[Kron Prinz]	Floating broadcaster fitted out in the Caribbean (probably ill-fated project)
1940	[Hamilton]	Ill-fated project for the South Seas
1941	Lurline	Relaying a program to KRO in Hawaii as station KIEK

1941	Unknown vessel	"Estacion Piranaica" with anti-Franco broadcasts from a Soviet trawler in Baltic Sea
1942	Texas	Broadcasting "Voice of America" programs from the Mediterranean
1944-46	Apache	A communication ship with radio programs from the Pacific (relaying AFRS and the VoA as WVLC)
1944	Nashville	Broadcasting the famous "I Have Returned" broadcast by General MacArthur in the Philippines
1944-45	FP47	A subordinate radio ship sending war news and despatches to the Apache in the Pacific
1945	Missouri (BB 63)	Broadcasting the surrender ceremony from Tokyo Bay
1945	Iowa	Broadcasting the surrender ceremony from Tokyo Bay
1945-1950's	Phoenix	Broadcasting "Voice of America - China" programs from the China Sea
1946	Grenville	The British fleet In the South Pacific broadcasting as "Radio Grenville"
1946	Unknown vessel	The British fleet In the South Pacific broadcasting as "Radio Romance"
1946	Unknown vessel	The British fleet In the South Pacific broadcasting as "School dame"
1946	Spindle Eye	A special Army Communications ship broadcasting from the Bikini Atoll ("Operation Crosswards")
1946	Appalachian	Broadcasting from the Bikini Atoll ("Operation Crosswards")
1946	Mt McKinley	Broadcasting from the Bikini Atoll ("Operation Crosswards")
1946-47	Mount Olympus	Radio broadcasts on the way to Little America (Antarctica) during "Operation Highjump"
1947	Orion	Broadcasting to maritime station VIM in Melbourne with the callsign GYLK
1947	Hinemoa	Radio communications in the South Pacific as ZMFQ with a 500 watt transmitter (unconfirmed)
1950-53	Unknown vessel	Radio Euzkadi (anti-Franco broadcasts) from Bayonne harbour (France)